



**Leicester**  
City Council

At a meeting of the LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL held at the Town Hall at FIVE O'CLOCK in the afternoon on Thursday, 22 MAY 2003 duly convened for the business hereunder mentioned.

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**BUSINESS**

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1. **PRAYERS AND LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
2. **ELECTION OF LORD MAYOR**
3. **ELECTION OF HIGH BAILIFF**
4. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY LORD MAYOR**
5. **APPOINTMENT OF LORD MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN/SPIRITUAL ADVISER**
6. **THANKS TO RETIRING LORD MAYOR**
7. **ESTABLISHMENT OF CABINET, SCRUTINY COMMITTEES AND REGULATORY COMMITTEES**
8. **DATES OF FIRST MEETINGS OF CABINET, SCRUTINY COMMITTEES AND REGULATORY COMMITTEES**
9. **DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**PRESENT:**

**RAMNIK KAVIA, LORD MAYOR**  
**CHAIRMAN**

**Abbey Ward**

JOHN FITCH  
MARGUERITE HENRY  
PAUL EDWIN SMITH

**Freemen Ward**

DALE DEREK KEELING  
CARLYM ANNATAZIA SANDRINGHAM

**Aylestone Ward**

BARBARA CHAMBERS  
JEAN MARY MIDDLETON

**Humberstone and Hamilton Ward**

JOHN VINCENT MUGGLESTONE  
ROMAN PETER SCUPLAK  
STEPHEN MARTIN THOMPSON

**Beaumont Leys Ward**

GORDON HARRY GETLIFFE  
KEITH JOHN LLOYD-HARRIS  
PAUL THOMAS WESTLEY

**Knighton Ward**

BARRY COLES  
JOAN GARRITY  
GARY GLENDON HUNT

**Belgrave Ward**

COLIN JOHN HALL

**Latimer Ward**

MANSUKLAL CHOCHAN  
MANJULA PAUL SOOD

**Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields**

ANDREW METCALFE  
JOY ELIZABETH SEARE  
ANDREW KENNETH VINCENT

**New Parks Ward**

PATRICA BECK  
JOHN STEPHEN BLACKMORE  
STEPHEN PETER CORRALL

**Castle Ward**

DEBORAH JANE ALMEY  
PATRICK JOSEPH KITTERICK  
SUSAN ANDRÉE WADDINTON

**Rushey Mead Ward**

CULDIPP SINGH BATTI  
WINSTON STEPHEN NURSE  
ROSS WILLMOTT

**Charnwood Ward**

WILLIAM HENRY SHELTON  
JOHN WILLIAM THOMAS

**Spinney Hills Ward**

MUSTAFA FAKIR KARIM  
HASHIM CASSIM PANCHBAYA  
MUSSA AHMED SALEH

**Coleman Ward**

PIARA SINGH CLAIR  
MARY ELAINE DRAYCOTT

**Stoneygate Ward**

PARMJIT SINGH GILL  
ROBERT CHARLES RENOLD  
HUSSEIN ISMAIL SULEMAN

Evington Ward

MICHAEL HOWARD JOHNSON  
ANTHONY O'BRIEN

Eyres Monsell Ward

MARK EDWARD JOSEPH FARMER  
DEAN STEVEN RAMSDALE

Fosse Ward

PHYLLIS MAY GREEN  
ROBERT WANN

Thurncourt Ward

JOHN GRANT ALLEN  
BRENDA MAW

Westcotes Ward

ANDREW IAN CONNELLY  
MAE JAMES

Western Park Ward

ROGER BRIAN BLACKMORE  
PETER COLEY

## **ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS**

The Town Clerk informed Council that elections were held on 1 May 2003, on new Ward boundaries determined as the result of a Periodic Electoral Review, conducted by the Boundary Committee of the Electoral Commission. As a result of this Review, as well as new Ward boundaries, with a total of 22 Ward instead of the previous 28 Wards, the full Council now comprised 54 Members – a reduction of two overall – and was made up of ten three Member Wards and twelve two Member Wards. A full list of the election results and the Members so elected had been published. The Town Clerk also reported that each Councillor has made the necessary Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Blackmore, the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, and Councillor Hunt, Chair of the Liberal Democrat Group, jointly introduced the following new Members to the Lord Mayor:-

Councillor Almey	Councillor Pachbhaya
Councillor Beck	Councillor Ramsdale
Councillor Fitch	Councillor Renold
Councillor Gill	Councillor Sandringham
Councillor Green	Councillor Saleh
Councillor James	Councillor Smith
Councillor Karim	Councillor Suleman
Councillor Keeling	

Councillor Willmott, the Leader of the Labour Group, introduced the following new Members to the Lord Mayor:-

Councillor Blackmore	Councillor Lloyd-Harris
Councillor Corral	Councillor Waddington
Councillor Hall	Councillor Wann
Councillor Kitterick	

## **PRAYERS**

The Lord Mayor's Chaplain, Captain Norman Ord, opened the meeting in prayer.

## **ELECTION OF LORD MAYOR**

Moved by Councillor Draycott, seconded by Councillor Willmott, and carried:-

1. "That Councillor Ramnik Kavia be elected to the Office as Lord Mayor of the City for the ensuing year."

## **ELECTION OF HIGH BAILIFF**

### **Councillor Ramnik Kavia, Lord Mayor in the Chair**

Moved by Councillor Mugglestone, seconded by Councillor Scuplak, and carried:-

2. "That Councillor John Grant Allen be appointed High Bailiff of this City for the ensuing year."

## **ELECTION OF DEPUTY LORD MAYOR**

Moved by Councillor Scuplak, seconded by Councillor Hunt, and carried:-

3. "That Councillor Mrs. Jean Mary Middleton be appointed Deputy Lord Mayor for the ensuing year."

## **APPOINTMENT OF LORD MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN/SPIRITUAL ADVISER**

The Lord Mayor informed the Council that he had appointed, as his Spiritual Adviser, Mr. Kameshwar Vyas.

## **THANKS TO RETIRING LORD MAYOR**

Moved by Councillor Westley, seconded by Councillor Roger Blackmore, supported by Councillor Scuplak, and carried:-

4. "My Lord Mayor, it gives me great pleasure tonight to move this motion of thanks to Maggie Bodell-Stagg. It does not seem a year ago that you were elected Lord Mayor. Only those who have held this office know the hard work that is needed. Many older Members in this chamber and your friends know your character and that you thrive on hard work.

But I have to mention someone else who has also worked hard and that is Paul Bodell, your Consort.

Over the year, you have both campaigned, exhaustively, for your charities, raising an amount approaching £100,000 for the Salvation Army Social Programme in Leicester, the Emery Hospital, Anand in Gujarat India and the Kwetu (Our People) Women and AIDS Project in Tanzania, which is reflected in the many engagements that you have fulfilled throughout the year.

You carried out 709 official functions – 111 of those which you hosted here in Leicester. The list is too extensive for me to mention them all, but I feel I have to mention just a few of them. Some of the visitors you hosted were from Strasbourg, Japanese Councillors, Spanish students, the Mayor of Kampala, Rajkot and Kilkenny, the Ambassadors of Bulgaria and Cuba, but you felt one of the most important set of functions was the many hundred-year birthday celebrations of people across the City which were greatly appreciated, especially from the many elderly people's homes that you

attended.

You also attended many award ceremonies the City ought to be proud of, especially the reception you hosted for the Leicester Football Club, the Tigers, the many visits you made to the Leicestershire County Cricket Ground but not least the reception you held in the Town Hall for the Leicester City Football Club on their promotion to the Premiership.

But above all, one of the proudest moments for you in your year of office was when you greeted Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to the city on her Golden Jubilee celebration. During that visit the Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire got waylaid from the railway station and I believe the Queen arrived at the city centre first. But like your character you were there to put things right and keep the Queen company throughout her visit.

Maggie, one of the most important tasks of being Lord Mayor, as you found out, was meeting so many people, young and old alike, from different backgrounds and different walks of life and making them feel part of their community.

As I have previously mentioned, one of your charities was the Emery Project in Anand where you saw at first hand not only the abject poverty but the new hospital being built with the money you have raised here in the United Kingdom.

After all your years on the Council you will be sadly missed by colleagues and friends that you have made over the years. One thing stands out is that you were a people's person, nothing was too much trouble for you. All the people you represented you did with commitment.

Maggie, you asked me to be brief, which I have tried to be. There are many, many more things I could have added to my speech but a year ago, I had the pleasure to move the Motion to Council that you be elected Lord Mayor; tonight, I am even prouder to move this Motion of Thanks on what you have achieved over the year and our thanks to Paul who has been at your side throughout.

I move the resolution of thanks."

The Council recessed from 6.20 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. to allow the invited guests to make their way to the Lord Mayor's Reception in the New Walk Museum.

## **ESTABLISHMENT OF CABINET, SCRUTINY COMMITTEES AND REGULATORY COMMITTEES**

Moved by Councillor Henry, seconded by Councillor Mugglestone, and carried:-

5. "That:-

- (i) the Cabinet be established with the Terms of Reference as specified within the Council's Constitution;
- (ii) the Leader of the Council and Chair of the Cabinet be

Councillor Roger Blackmore;

(iii) the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member be Councillor Roman Scuplak;

(iv) the other Membership of the Cabinet be:-

- (1) Councillor Coles
- (2) Councillor Coley
- (3) Councillor Hunt
- (4) Councillor Johnson
- (5) Councillor Metcalfe
- (6) Councillor Mugglestone
- (7) Councillor Suleman

and,

(v) that no portfolios be allocated by the Council to specific Cabinet Members, the functions and responsibilities of Cabinet being exercised by the Cabinet collectively or in accordance with its Scheme of Delegation.

#### AN AMENDMENT

Proposed by Councillor Willmott, seconded by Councillor Draycott:-

“Add to the end of the Resolution on the Cabinet:-

‘(vi) that, given the Liberal Democrats and Conservative Groups have formed an alliance, leaving only the Labour Group in opposition and that Council has not seen fit to appoint Cabinet Members to a portfolio, in order to ensure the proper accountability of the executive, the Council resolves to consult on the following proposal, with the results of the consultation being brought back to the July 2003 Council Meeting:

To consider the formation and recognition of a Shadow Cabinet which will comprise the Labour opposition Scrutiny Chairs and the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Labour opposition, and other opposition members.

The Shadow Cabinet will:-

- (a) meet in public before Cabinet meets so as to give advice to Cabinet;
- (b) be supported by the Chief Executive and other officers of the Council, to take minutes and ensure the production of reports;
- (c) act as an advisory body to Council in a system where Council has a significantly increased role;
- (d) exercise the right of call-in if Shadow Cabinet disagree with Cabinet;
- (e) each member will hold one of the following portfolios:-

Education

Finance, Property and Customer Care  
Equal Opportunities and Human Resources  
Social Services and Health  
Housing and Neighbourhood Renewal  
Culture and Leisure  
Regeneration of Leicester  
Transport, Roads, Footpaths  
Parks, Open Spaces, City Clean Up  
Service Quality , Performance and Best Value.' ”

The Lord Mayor put the Amendment to the vote and declared it lost.

Moved by Councillor Henry, seconded by Councillor Mugglestone, and carried:-

6. “That:-

A. “(i) That the Scrutiny Committees be established with the Terms of Reference as specified within the Council’s Constitution and with the sizes of each Scrutiny Committee in accordance with the lists circulated to Members.”

B. (i) That the Chairs and Triumvirate Spokespersons of the Scrutiny Committees be in accordance with the lists circulated to all Members, with the filling of the remaining places delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the respective Group Whips.

(ii) That the membership of the Scrutiny Committees be in accordance with the lists circulated to Members, with the filling of the remaining places delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the respective Group Whips.”

#### AN AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Willmott, seconded by Councillor Draycott:-

“That item B(i) of the Resolution on Scrutiny Committees be deleted and replaced by:-

‘that, to ensure an effective opposition, given that the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats have joined together to share power and form a joint Cabinet, all seven Scrutiny Chairs to be appointed from the Opposition Labour Group, with the filling of the Chairs and remaining Triumvirate places delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the respective Group Whips.’ “

The Lord Mayor put the Amendment to the vote and declared it lost.

#### AN AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Draycott, seconded by Councillor Willmott:-

“That item B(i) of the Resolution on Scrutiny Committees be deleted and replaced by:-



'That Labour opposition members be appointed to chair at least the following Scrutiny Committees:-

Education and Lifelong Learning  
Housing and Neighbourhood Renewal  
Highways and Transportation  
Cultural and Leisure

with the filling of the chairs and remaining triumvirate places delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the respective Group Whips' ”.

The Lord Mayor put the Amendment to the vote and declared it lost.

Moved by Councillor Henry, seconded by Councillor Mugglestone, and carried:-

7. “That:-

(i) the Development Control Committee and Licensing Committee be established in accordance with the attached Terms of Reference and delegation arrangements and the size of each in accordance with the list circulated to all Members, and that there be a consequential change to Council procedure rule 44 (j) (iv) to prevent objections to the decisions of those Committees by substituting the following wording:

‘(iv) Decisions of the Development Control Committee and Licensing Committee and any decisions which, in the opinion of the Town Clerk, are of a quasi-judicial nature’.

(ii) the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Development Control Committee and Licensing Committee be in accordance with the lists circulated to all Members.

(iii) the membership of the Development Control Committee and Licensing Committee be in accordance with the lists circulated to all Members.

(iv) the Standards Committee be established with the Terms of Reference as specified within the Council's Constitution, including appointment of the two Independent Members, Co-Chairs and membership, all being in accordance with the lists circulated to all Members.

(v) the Employees Committee be established with the Terms of Reference as specified within the Council's Constitution, with the process for the appointment of Chair and Vice Chair and membership being in accordance with the lists circulated to all Members.

#### AN AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Willmott, seconded by Councillor Nurse:-

“That in Sections (i), (ii) and (iii) of the Resolution, all references to be changed to

read the Development Control Sub-Committee that in (i) all words after 'circulated to all Members' be deleted and that a further item be added to the Technical Resolution, to read:

- (vi) that a Regulatory Committee be established comprising 5 Members, including the Chair and Vice Chair, in accordance with the Terms of Reference and delegation arrangements attached and with the Chair and Vice Chair and membership of the Committee to be determined at the Council Meeting on 5 June 2003, having as its Sub-Committee the Development Control Sub-Committee."

The Lord Mayor put the amendment to the vote and declared it lost.

### **DATES OF FIRST MEETINGS OF CABINET, SCRUTINY COMMITTEES AND REGULATORY COMMITTEES**

Moved by Councillor Henry, seconded by Councillor Mugglestone, and carried:-

8. "That the first meetings of the Cabinet and the various Standing Committees be agreed in accordance with the schedule below:

Cabinet - Monday ,16 June at 5pm  
Licensing - Tuesday, 3 June at 9.30 am  
Development Control - Wednesday, 4 June at 5.30 pm  
Standards Committee – Wednesday 25 June at 5.30 pm

#### **Scrutiny Committees (all at 5.30 pm)**

Arts, Leisure & Environment - Wednesday, 11 June  
Strategic Planning & Regeneration - Thursday, 12 June  
Highways & Transportation - Wednesday, 18 June  
Housing - Thursday, 19 June  
Education & Lifelong Learning - Tuesday, 24 June  
Social Services & Personal Health - Wednesday, 25 June  
Finance, Resources & Equal Opps - Thursday, 26 June."

### **DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Moved by Councillor Henry, seconded by Councillor Mugglestone, and carried:-

9. "That the Annual Meeting in 2004 be held on 20 May 2004, that the Council meet on Wednesday, 25 February 2004 to consider the estimates for 2004/2005 and the ordinary meetings of Council be held on the dates indicated below:-

5 June 2003	27 November 2003
3 July 2003	29 January 2004
25 September 2003	25 March 2004."

### **AN AMENDMENT**

Moved by Councillor Willmott, seconded by Councillor Nurse:-

“That the list of Council Meeting dates be extended by the addition of further Council Meetings on:

30 October 2003  
18 December 2003, and  
26 February 2004”

The Lord Mayor put the amendment to the vote and declared it lost.

#### **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Lord Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.18 p.m.

